

MEN WHO ARE LEFT

They Always Act as Best Man or Usher.

BUT THEY DO NOT MARRY

Brilliant Array of June Weddings and Prospective Weddings—General Gossip Concerning City People.

How miserable this endless run of marriages makes a poor lonely bachelor feel! As he receives invitation after invitation and card after card he thinks that this spring he will surely be left "all by his lonesome self" with no one to sympathize with him. Usually these same "solitaires" are chosen for the "best men," ushers, etc. And the very fact of their being so often requested to fill such offices seems to "hoo-doo" any honest matrimonial intentions which they might have had. By reading the accounts of society events one will always see the same lot of names of ushers, etc., and the ladies are forever wondering if Mr. F. cannot find some one to love him. A reasonably attractive man should have no trouble in finding a good wife here in Grand Rapids, for the city abounds in pretty girls, and the majority of them possess plenty of good common sense.

In reviewing the past week, the wedding of Miss Irene Hazeltine of this city to George B. Douglas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, must not be overlooked, as it was one of the most brilliant society events that ever occurred in this city. An extended account of the affair appeared in these columns Thursday morning.

The marriage of Mrs. La Verne Phelps of this city to Charles L. Lewis of Boston last Wednesday night was a most happy affair. The musical people of this city will be very likely to lose Mrs. Lewis, as she has for some considerable time been one of the favorite pianists here. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps will make Boston their home.

Nominated Officers. The committee on art and literature had charge of the program for yesterday afternoon. There was a full attendance at the club room, notwithstanding the appearance of rain. The first article was a finely prepared paper on "Tolstoi, Novelist, Philosopher and Humanitarian." After the reading the essayist answered the following questions: "Is manual labor stimulating or exhausting to the brain; and is it true as Tolstoi avers that brain work is of better quality if aided and with the work of one's hands; in other words, is there anything in the saying 'Blessed Be Drudgery'?" "If all men lived exactly the same lives and dispensed their energies by the doing of many trivial acts each day, whence would come our specialists who require all their force to reach superior excellence in their line, and to make great discoveries?" "Which most promotes the civilization of people, increase or diminution of wants?" "Is extreme cleanliness a social evil as Tolstoi thinks, because those who observe it most exact so many disagreeable services from others?" "Would any form of government be possible if Tolstoi's ideas of simplification were carried out?" "What is to be thought of Tolstoi's theory that if every able bodied person worked enough to support himself and one other, pauperism would not exist?" Two poems written by George Meredith were read and the program closed with literary and art items for the month, prepared by one of the committee.

Nominations for officers for the next year were made, election to be held next week. The nominations are as follows: President, Mrs. E. A. Fletcher, Mrs. L. P. Rowland; vice president, Mrs. Stanley Allen; Mrs. M. R. Bissell; recording secretary, Mrs. E. A. Goss; Miss Collinsberry, corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. B. Thompson; treasurer, Miss Emma Clapp; first director, Miss Frances Pierce; second director, Mrs. E. A. Mosely; Mrs. D. McCoy; third director, Mrs. John Peck; Mrs. Burnett; Mrs. J. C. Herkner.

The guests of the day were: Miss Wing of Bloomfield, Ohio; Mrs. H. E. Brown of Chicago; Mrs. Hollister of Chicago; Mrs. Martlette of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Lyon of East Saginaw; Mrs. Styles of Chicago; Mrs. O. C. Stronds of Chicago.

South End Literary. The program for "president's day" was devoted to "Shakespeare" and presented selections which showed the happy results of careful preparation. The orders of the day began with a "minuet" for the piano. "Shakespearean Notes," a paper giving some of the events of the great writer's life, was a preparation for the discussion, "Who Wrote Shakespeare's Plays?" The speaker depicted the position of Don Quixote and gave convincing proof that Lord Bacon must have been too busy a man to write more than what he has been credited with. A talk on "Macbeth" showed the natural character of the man to be good and noble before the perverting influences of false ambition and superstition had laid hold of him. In another talk, Lady Macbeth's character was shown to be that of a bad, ambitious woman, who was determined to achieve honor at any cost. A general synopsis of the play was read, portraying in story form the plot and plan of the great tragedy. The watch scene, Duncan's murder and the sleep walking scene were read by members of the club. Music by two little girls closed the program. Next week the study is in charge of Mrs. Otis and Mrs. Hawkins.

High Tea and Reception. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Peck of Jefferson avenue opened wide the doors of their spacious mansion last Thursday evening, and at 8 o'clock celebrated high tea with about fifty of their friends. After the tea a reception was tendered Dr. and Mrs. Jackson. The course of entertainment was pursued after some very happy and original ideas of the hostess. It was really what might be termed an "anti-pedro" affair. The entire deck was boycotted and "authors" was the game of the evening. Various illustrations of about fifty different books had been prepared, and prizes were offered to those who, from the illustrations, guessed the largest number of titles of books, which the illustrations were meant to represent. Mrs. L. P. Eddy solved some thirty of the problems and took the first prize, and Fred A. Maynard captured second prize. The evening was a decided success.

Another Brilliant Wedding. Many people here will be happy to learn of the approaching nuptials of Miss Marie Noble, formerly of this city, and Frederick Reynolds Dudley, a prominent young lawyer of New York city. Miss Noble is the daughter of the Rev. Frank Noble, who lately resigned the pastorate of the South Congregational church. She is a brilliant soprano, and during her residence in Grand Rapids held a position in the Westminster Presbyterian church choir. She has met with splendid success in the east and now holds a position in a fashionable Newark church. The wedding will be solemnized at Huntington, Long Island, at high noon Wednesday. The couple will be at home June 22 and 23 at Bay Thirty-second street, Bensonhurst, L. I.

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Fifty Years After. Just fifty years ago next Tuesday the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Crawford of No. 275 Bates street became man and wife. The venerable couple have passed such a happy half century together that they wish to give their many friends an opportunity to congratulate them. Accordingly they have decided to receive callers from 2 until 5 p. m. No special invitations have been issued, and all are invited to call. The members of the Ministers' conference will go in a body and bid the aged couple Godspeed on the balance of their thus far successful journey. Mr. Crawford was born at Richmond, Ontario county, N. Y., January 27, 1817, and is one of the oldest Methodist clergymen in this state. While he was an infant his parents removed to Canada, but six years later came to Michigan. Here he grew up in the wilderness and participated in various border wars. At a Methodist revival meeting in 1838 he first became actively interested in the service of his God, and ever since that time he has been a zealous religious worker.

Schubert Concert. Next Thursday evening the Schubert club will give the first concert with which they have favored the music lovers of this town in a great while. A large share of the proceeds will be turned over to the M. C. A. fund, and a large number of tickets have already been sold. Musically the concert is an assured success. The club has held weekly rehearsals and has been in constant practice for years and the citizens should not fail to turn out and do their best to encourage so commendable an organization.

Musical Mention. Two new pieces by Havens will be sung by the quartet at the Westminster Presbyterian church this morning. In the evening the beautiful "Softly Now the Light of Day" by Shilling will be rendered.

Mrs. F. M. Davis will give a musical at her pretty home on Cherry street in about two weeks. Mrs. Fred Mills is one of those who will take part.

Now that the long anticipated election of the St. Cecilia is over the public will expect to see a start made on the new building.

Miss Nellie Brokaw is going to leave us, and henceforth her high soprano voice will be gloried in by the Muskegonites.

A quartet from the Schubert club sang at the high school commencement exercises at Plainwell Friday.

The city officials will visit John Ball yard today. Wurzberg & Bronson's band will play in the afternoon.

Mrs. Jacob Seger of Milwaukee, nee Miss Abbie McInnes of this city, is greeting old friends.

C. A. Cotton has resigned his position in the choir at Temple Emanuel.

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